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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
11-296862	Japan	October 29, 1999
8-194982	Japan	July 30, 1996

REMARKS

The JP '862 reference and the JP '982 reference are cited at page 4 of the specification, and are believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese patent documents are not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. English abstracts for the Japanese patent documents obtained from a commercial database also are enclosed as English language statements of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

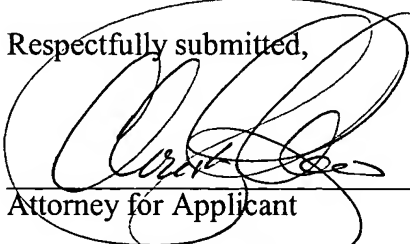
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

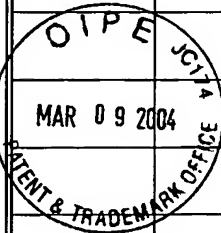
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	5,331,421	07/1994	OHZU, ET AL.	340	262		
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	11-296862	10/1999	JAPAN			Abstract	
	8-194982	07/1996	JAPAN			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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